

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A device comprising:

a foundation comprising:

a generally peripheral member conformable to a substantially horseshoe shape with a heel having a first end defined by a first point and a second end defined by a different second point and sized to be worn on less than an entire portion of a scalp of a human head and enclose an occipital portion and a parietal portion of the human head;

a longitudinal member coupled to the peripheral member at ~~a first~~one point and at ~~second~~another different point that bisects the peripheral member and defines a first portion and a second different portion of the peripheral member; ~~and~~

a plurality of diagonal members each respectively coupled to the longitudinal member and the peripheral member distal from the longitudinal member,

wherein, when the peripheral member is worn on a head of a wearer in such a manner to enclose the occipital portion and the parietal portion, the longitudinal member extends laterally between ears of the wearer, and the plurality of diagonal members to divide the first portion and the second portion into geometric regions~~first portion and the second portion into a plurality of geometric regions, the geometric regions of the second portion to overlay the occipital portion and one of the plurality of diagonal members dividing the second portion is coupled to the first point of the peripheral member and at least another of the plurality of diagonal members is coupled to the second point, each of the geometric regions of a dimension~~ suitable to allow natural hair of a wearer of the foundation to be drawn through the geometric regions; and

a plurality of wefts of hair coupled to the plurality of diagonal members.

2. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the peripheral member comprises a wire.

3. (Original) The device of claim 1, further comprising a clip coupled to a portion of the peripheral member adapted to engage a portion of natural hair of a wearer.

4. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the first portion of the peripheral member is adapted to be positioned onto a crown portion of an individual wearer's head between an occipital bone and a top of a parietal portion of the wearer's head.
5. (Original) The device of claim 4, wherein the second portion of the peripheral member encloses a nape portion of an individual wearer's head between an occipital bone and a base of the individual wearer's scalp.
6. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the geometric regions of the first portion and the second portion comprise triangles.
7. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the geometric regions of the first portion and the second portion comprise spherical triangles.
8. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the first portion of the peripheral member is adapted to be positioned on a crown portion of an individual wearer's head and a number of geometric regions within the first portion is selected to achieve a desired volume of an individual wearer's hair.
9. (Original) The device of claim 8, wherein a number of geometric regions within a second portion is determined based on a desired length of the individual wearer's hair.
10. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 1, wherein the foundation comprises a cloth material coupled at adjacent opposing side edges of the cloth material.
11. (Original) The device of claim 10, wherein the foundation comprises a wire and the cloth material surrounds the wire.

12. (Original) The device of claim 11, wherein the plurality of wefts of hair are coupled to the cloth material such that a weft portion of the plurality of wefts contacts a first side of the cloth material and a different side of the cloth material.

13. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the wefts of hair are attached in a desired direction according to a style desired by an individual wearer.

14. (Withdrawn) A method comprising:

forming a peripheral member sized to fit a rear portion of a human head comprised of a flexible, non-elastic material;

attaching a longitudinal member to the peripheral member to bisect the peripheral member and define an upper portion and a lower portion of the device;

attaching a plurality of diagonal members between the longitudinal member and the peripheral member distal from the longitudinal member to subdivide the upper and lower portions of the device and to geometric regions; and

coupling wefts of hair over the peripheral member, the longitudinal member and the diagonal members, the geometric regions of the device to allow hair of a wearer to be drawn through the geometric regions to blend the individual wearer's hair with the sewn wefts of hair.

15. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 14, wherein the non-elastic material is wire, such that the peripheral member, longitudinal members and plurality of diagonal members of the device define a foundation, which when applied with outside pressure, conforms to the contours of individual's head, resulting in a comfortable fit and a natural look for the individual wearer.

16. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 14, further comprising:

coupling a protective sleeve over the peripheral member, longitudinal members and plurality of diagonal members to enclose the sewn wefts of hair proximate the device; and

securing an attachment device to a portion of the peripheral member along the upper portion of the device to enable affixing of the device to a crown portion of an individual wearer's hair.

17. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 14, wherein the geometric regions of the lower and upper portions of the device comprise one of triangles and spherical triangles.

18. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 14, wherein attaching the plurality of diagonal members comprises:

determining a desired volume to be provided to an individual wearer's hair by the device;
attaching diagonal members between the longitudinal member and distal portions of the peripheral member in the upper portion of the device according to the desired volume;
determining the desired length to be provided by the device; and
attaching a plurality of diagonal members between the longitudinal member and a distal portion of the peripheral member within the lower portion of the device according to the desired length to be provided by the device.

19. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

coupling a device of claim 1 to an individual wearer's hair using an attachment device;
applying outside pressure to a foundation of the device to cause the foundation of the device to conform to the contours of ~~an~~ the individual wearer's head; and
drawing the individual wearer's hair through geometric regions of the device to blend the individual wearer's hair with wefts of hair sewn to the device.

20. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein the device is coupled at a crown portion of an individual wearer's head.

21. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein the individual wearer's hair is drawn through triangular geometric regions of the device in order to obscure the foundation of the device.

22. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein a first portion of the device attaches to a crown portion of the individual wearer's head between an occipital bone and a top of a parietal portion of the wearer's head.

23. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein a second portion of the device encloses a nape portion of the individual wearer's head between an occipital bone and a base of the individual wearer's scalp.